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LOW FREQUENCY BEACON APPARENTLY IN GOOD SHAPE EXCEPT FOR POWER SUPPLY. POWER NORMALLY OBTAINED FROM SKVA TRANSFORMER WITH GASOLINE DRIVEN GENERATOR AS BACKUP. BOTH PRESENTLY INOP. WE LOANED BASE COMMO OFFICER 3.5 KVA ONAN GENERATOR AND HE PUT OUT STRONG SIGNAL THIS AFTERNOON. FYI POWER TO [REDACTED] IS 500 WATTS, NOT 5 AS WE BELIEVED. BELIEVE TRANSFORMER WILL BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY, HOWEVER WE WILL LEAVE ONAN AS EMERGENCY POWER UNTIL PROBLEMS RESOLVED. FYI BOTH [REDACTED] FLIGHTS LANDED WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF HEAVY THUNDERSTORMS WITH STEADY RAIN CONTINUING UNTIL MIDNIGHT. BELIEVE LOW FREQ BEACON IS ESSENTIAL TO SAFE AND C 130 FLIGHTS DURING PRESENT RAINY SEASON OR DURING NIGHT OPERATIONS. WE WILL PROBABLY SOON HAVE PORTABLE BEACON AS ADDITIONAL AID AND BACKUP PRESENT RIG. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE LOCALLY UNOBTAINABLE ITEMS FROM SUPPLY POINT IN [REDACTED] THERE IS GOOD CHANCE NECESSARY ITEMS AVAILABLE IN GOOD CONDITION FROM USAF SALVAGE YARDS.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW